

Purple Gallinule, Sabine's Gull, and other Rare Birds in Quebec.— About the middle of September last a young Purple Gallinule was shot on the beach of the St. Lawrence River about two miles from the city of Quebec, and towards the first of October an adult Sabine's Gull, in its fall plumage, was also shot in the same place, by another sportsman. This bird and the preceding one, which are in my possession, are the first records of their presence in the Province of Quebec.

In September last, a Meadowlark was captured in a field near a forest at Lorette, about six miles from Quebec. This is the second occurrence of this bird here.

Mr. J. Beetz, of Piastre Bay, Pointe aux Esquimaux, on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, has recently sent me one adult specimen of the Mourning Dove shot by him the 23d of October last. We have had until now only five records of its presence in the Province; two near the city of Quebec, and three were recorded some years ago at Godbout, by Mr. N. Comeau, but none so far in the North.

Mr. Beetz has also sent me one Ruby-throated Hummingbird captured the 25th of September.— C. E. DIONNE, *Quebec, Canada*.

Colorado Notes.— *Geococcyx californianus*. ROAD-RUNNER.— On December 13, 1902, a boy living in University Park came into the shop of Mr. Hugo Todenwarth, then a Denver taxidermist, with a live Road-runner, which he said he had captured in their woodshed on the preceding day. University Park lies at the outskirts of Denver and adjacent to it are wide stretches of virgin prairie land. It seems probable that this bird had left the open country on this winter's day to seek shelter among the abodes of man.

***Calamospiza melanocorys*. LARK BUNTING.**— On December 25, 1901, I shot a male Lark Bunting on Clear Creek, near Denver. On skinning the bird I tried without success to find some wound on account of which it had been detained with us until Christmas-day. It should have gone south with its companions not later than the last of September or the first of October.— A. H. FELGER, *Denver, Colorado*.

Birds of Central Alberta.— In 'The Auk' for October, 1909, appeared a list of the birds of this district by Sidney S. Stansell, and almost at the same time, an abbreviated list was published by him in the 'Ottawa Naturalist.' The two lists do not agree with each other, nor do they harmonize with our knowledge of the birds of the region described. May I then be permitted to point out a few of the discrepancies and suggest corrections on other points.

Whooping Crane. Stated to be "a very common migrant." This may have been intended to read Sand Hill Crane, as the Whooping Crane is now believed to be excessively rare. Preble in his Athabasca-McKenzie Report, states that this bird "has now become almost extinct in the north."